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1. REACTIONS TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S UN SPEECH --

REACTIONS TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S MARCH 17 SPEECH AT UN HQS HAVE BEEN, WITH A FEW MAINLY PREDICTABLE EXCEPTIONS, MOST FAVORABLE. THERE HAS BEEN MUCH COMMENT ON ITS SINCERITY AS AN EARNEST OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S RESOLVE TO
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PRESS THROUGH WITH CAMPAIGN PLEDGES. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN PRAISE FOR THE SKILL WITH WHICH THE SPEECH WAS ASSEMBLED TO ADDRESS IN A RELATIVELY BRIEF SPACE, VIRTUALLY EVERY IMPORTANT UN CONCERN. SYG WALDHEIM IS REPORTEDLY "VERY HAPPY" OVER THE SUCCESS OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE UN, AND OTHER SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS, ON THE WHOLE, ARE REPORTEDLY HIGHLY SATISFIED, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SOME NEGATIVE NOTES REGARDING THE PROPOSAL THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION BE MOVED BACK TO NEW YORK. ACCORDING TO ONE SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL, THE SOVIETS ARE NOW CONCERNED THAT WALDHEIM, SINCE HIS REELECTION, HAS BEEN SHIFTING CLOSER TO THE WEST. AMONG THE MANY REACTIONS WERE COMMENTS OF UK AMB RICHARD, WHO DESCRIBED SPEECH AS "IMPORTANT AND TRULY IN THE STYLE OF 19TH CENTURY LIBERALISM" AND SAID "THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WILL BE MOST GRATEFUL." COSTA RICAN AMB SALAZAR AND HIS DELEGATION ARE GLOWING OVER REFERENCE TO COSTA RICAN PROPOSAL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER. WORKING LEVEL ROMANIAN OFFICER EXPRESSED HIGH PRAISE, WHILE EAST GERMAN DISPLAYED COMPLETE NEGATIVISM. SOVIET COUNSELOR TULINOV

COMMENTED IT WAS "NOT EXACTLY THE KIND OF SPEECH I WOULD HAVE WRITTEN." PRC POLITICAL COUNSELOR CHOU NAN SAID TIME NEEDED TO STUDY SPEECH, BUT NOTED FAVORABLY REFERENCE TO SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 834)

2. PLO ATTENDANCE AT RECEPTION FOR PRESIDENT CARTER --

ISRAELI PERM REP HERZOG TOLD US HE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS NOT TO ATTEND THE SYG'S RECEPTION FOR PRESIDENT CARTER AND HAD BEEN ON THE TELEPHONE WITH JERUSALEM "HALF OF THE DAY" WORKING TO REVERSE THEM. HE FINALLY REACHED FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON WHO AGREED IT WOULD BE UNWISE FOR HERZOG TO BOYCOTT THE RECEPTION. HE HAS REPEATED THIS TO OTHERS, HENCE MAKING NO SECRET OF OFFICIAL ISRAELI PIQUE AT PLO ATTENDANCE AT THE RECEPTION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 818)

3. SWEDISH AMB THUNBORG'S VIEWS ON AFRICAN QUESTIONS --
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SWEDISH AMB THUNBORG, IN CALL ON AMB YOUNG, SAID HE THOUGHT THE AFRICANS WERE PERHAPS USING STRONGER WORDS THAN DESIRABLE IN SOME OF THEIR DRAFT RESOS ON SOUTH AFRICA. YOUNG AGREED THE WORDING WAS HARD, SAID HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH AFRICANS AND WOULD TRY TO GET A COMPROMISE IN A DECLARATION, AND STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF GETTING WESTERN EUROPEANS AND OTHERS GROUP TO UNITE REGARDING SOUTH AFRICA. YOUNG THOUGHT IT EARLY YET FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SWEDEN'S PROPOSAL FOR A UN SC RESO CALLING FOR A HALT IN NEW INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA; ALSO, IN A YEAR'S TIME A CHAPTER VII DETERMINATION ON SOUTH AFRICA MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, BUT WAS NOT REALISTIC NOW. THUNBORG CONSIDERED INVESTMENT IN SOME WAYS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ARMS EMBARGO, AND SAID A UNILATERAL EC-9 AGREEMENT ON AN ARMS EMBARGO WAS LIKELY. BOTH BELIEVED THAT TOO STIFF LANGUAGE IN SC RESOS COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE, BUT EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRMAND UNIFIED WESTERN ACTION TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THUNBORG CONSIDERED THAT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE WERE COMING IN WELL, AND HE SOUGHT A US CONTRIBUTION TO THE TRUST FUND FOR SOUTH AFRICA. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 833)

4. CONTACTWITH CHIEF KAPUWO REPRESENTATIVE --

CHIEF KAPUWO'S REP RIRUAKO MADE PITCH FOR USG UNDERSTANDING OF TURNHALLE CONFERENCE AND INTERIM NAMIBIAN GOVERNMENT. HE CLAIMED HE HAD PUT TOGETHER COALITION OF 9 OF 11 GROUPS PRESENT AT WINDHOEK TO DEAL WITH WHITES AND SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT FROM POSITION OF UNITY AND STRENGTH AND THAT THEY HAD NAMED HIM AS THEIR NEW YOK SPOKESMAN. ONLY PROBLEMS REMAINING AT THE CONFERENCE WERE MUDGE'S

POEITION IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
SWA NATIONALIST PARTY. HE DOUBTED FAIRNESS OF UN-SUPERVISED
ELECTIONS, SINCE UN RECOGNIZED ONLY SWAPO. HE SPECULATED
HE MIGHT IN FUTURE REQUEST USG ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP
MEETING BETWEEN CHIEF KAPUWO AND SAM NUJOMA OF SWAPO. HE SAID
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INTERIM GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE OVER ABOUT JULY 1, WITH
INDPENDENCE DEC. 31, 1978, AND THE KAPUWO GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVE
IT IS NOT A PUPPET BUT TRULY REPRESENTED THE NAMIBIAN
PEOPLE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 821)

5. EXPANSION OF RHODESIAN SANCTIONS --

AFTER CONSULTING WITH UKUN, US, AS SC PRESIDENT, REQUESTED
THE SECRETARIAT TO CIRCULATE THE TEXT OF THE RHODESIAN CABLE
(ASKING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SC MEETINGS ON RHODESIAN
SANCTIONS) TO SC MEMBERS UNDER CUEF OF A ONE-SENTENCE DITTOED NOTE.
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6. DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITES (DBS)--

AT CLOSE OF FIRST WEEK OF OUTER SPACE LEBAL SUBCOMMITTEE DEBATE AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS IT APPEARS THAT THE SOVIET UNION AND WESTERN DELEGATIONS ARE AWARE OF THE IMPORT OF THE ITU WARC RESULTS BUT OTHER DELEGATIONS, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, DO NOT APPEAR TO KNOW ABOUT OR APPRECIATE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE ITU DECISIONS. MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE SOVIET BLOC AND FRANCE CONTINUE TO URGE AN EXPRESS PRINCIPLE ON PRIOR CONSENT FOR DBS, AND MOST WESTERN EUROPEANS, WITH UK AND CANADA LEADING PROPONENTS, FAVOR SOME FORM OF TECHNICAL FIX APPROACH. (CONFIDENTIAL--USUN 810,815)

7. LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE OBSERVERS--

CHAIRMAN WYZNER (POLAND) OF OUTER SPACE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE TOLD USDEL THE SOVIETS PRIVATELY OBJECTED TO GRANTING OBSERVER STATUS TO COLOMBIA, ECUADOR AND GUYANA, NOTWITHSTANDING CONCURRENCE OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE MARCH 14. HE SAID HE WOULD TRY TO CONFINE OBSERVERS' PRESENTATIONS TO DEFINITION/DELIMITATION ITEM, BUT COULD NOT GUARANTEE SUCCESS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --USUN 824)

8. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON TERRORISM--

PERSSON (SWEDEN) REPORTED TO WEO GROUP THAT TERRORISM COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HOVEYDA (IRAN) SUGGESTED TO THE BUREAU THAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS MIGHT PRESENT GENERAL VIEWS MARCH 21-22

AND COMMENT ON HOW THE COMMITTEE MIGHT PROCEED MARCH 23-24,
AND THAT MARCH 25 BE RESERVED FOR DISCUSSION OF REPORT.
IT WAS HOVEYDA'S OPINION THAT IN LIGHT OF SHORT TIME
REMAINING, NO SUBCOMMITTEES SHOULD BE FORMED. NO ONE OBJECTED
OR PRESENTED ALTERNATIVE WAY OF PROCEEDING, PERSSON NOTED.
WEO'S EXPRESSED GENERAL APPROVAL OF HOVEYDA'S PROPOSAL
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AND AGREED TO TRY TO ACCENT IN THE GENERAL DEBATE THE POSITIVE
THINGS THAT CAN BE DONE TO COMBAT TERRORISM.
TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTED THAT HIS IMPRESSION FROM
DISCUSSIONS WITH ARABS IS THAT THEY AND AFRICANS EXPECT
LITTLE FROM THIS SESSION BUT INTEND TO PRESS FOR RECONVENING
COMMITTEE NEXT YEAR. (CONFIDENTIAL-USUN 820)

9. CONSULTATIONS ON SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT--

AT THEIR REQUEST, SOVIET MINISTER OVINNIKOV AND MISOFF
TULINOV MET WITH AMB-DESIGNATE LEONARD TO DISCUSS ORGANIZATIONAL
ISSUES AT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE PREPCOM FOR THE SPEC-
IAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. OVINNIKOV ASKED US TO SUPPORT THE
SOVIET PREFERENCE FOR 10-MEMBER PREPCOM BUREAU, AND LEO-
NARD NOTED FIVE-MEMBER BUREAU WAS DECLARED POSITION OF NONALI-
GNEED BUT IF EE AND NONALIGNED DISCUSSIONS LED TO AGREEMENT
ON LARGER BUREAU WEO'S UNLIKELY TO STAND IN WAY. WHEN
OVINNIKOV STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF CONSENSUS, LEONARD AGREED
ON ITS DESIRABILITY, DOUBTED REALISM OF PRESSING NONALIGNED
TO AGREE TO A FORMAL CONSENSUS RULE, AND SAID WHOLE QUESTION
COULD BE DISCUSSED OPENLY AT FIRST PREPCOM. THE SOVIETS DID
NOT FAVOR INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS BEFORE THE MAY SESSION AND
DID NOT SEE WHAT PURPOSE THEY WOULD SERVE EVEN THEN. OVINN-
IKOV CONFIRMED THAT GROMYKO'S LETTER TO THE SYG WAS
DEFINITIVE SOVIET RESPONSE ON SPECIAL SESSION ISSUES.

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BUT NOT YUGOSLAV-PROPOSED "PROGRAM OF ACTION." TULINOV
WAS PESSIMISTIC ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING AGREEMENT
ON ANY SUCH PROGRAM. OVINNIKOV ASKED IF US COULD AGREE TO A
FORMULA TO INCLUDE A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE AS A SPECIFIC,
SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM, AND WAS TOLD THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN US
POSITION. THE SOVIETS EXPECT INTENSE PRESSURE AGAINST THE
CCD AT THE SESSION. (CONFIDENTIAL--
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10. UNFICYP FINANCING--

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SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL SHERRY INFORMED US SYG WALDHEIM PLANS TO MAKE A NUMBER OF SEPARATE DEMARCHES TO MEMBER STATES ON MAKING INITIAL OR INCREASING CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFICYP IN LATE APRIL. SHERRY NOTED THAT FRENCH MISSION OFFICER NOW IN PARIS HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO EXPLORE WITH THE QUAI THE POSSIBILITY OF FRANCE MAKING A CONTRIBUTION, AND THE SYG PLANS TO TAKE UP THE MATTER WHEN HE VISITS PARIS FOLLOWING CYPRUS TALKS IN VIENNA FIRST WEEK OF APRIL. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE--USUN 817)

11. SOVIET WITHHOLDING OF UNEF ASSESSMENT--

UK(BATTISCOMBE) REPORTED AMB RICHARD MADE BRIEF DEMARCH ON SOVIET PARTIAL WITHHOLDING OF UNEF ASSESSMENT TO SOVIET PERM REP TROYANOVSKY, WHO HAD SAID DECISION ON WITHHOLDING WAS FIRM AND ITS BASIS WAS LOGICAL SINCE USSR HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN SINAI II AGREEMENT. SCALABRE (FRANCE) DISCLOSED HE DISCUSSED THE QUESTION WITH SOVIET DEPTY PERM REP OVINNIKOV, WHO INDICATED USSR MIGHT PAY IN FULL IN FUTURE, DEPENDING ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE PROCESS. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 819)

12. APPEAL FROM UNITED UKRAINIAN AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS--

DURING PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO UN MARCH 17 APPROXIMATELY 100 MEMBERS OF UNITED UKRAINIAN AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS(UUAO) STAGED A PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE USUN PRAISING US STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND CALLING FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINIAN DISSIDENTS. MARCH 18 MISOFF ACCEPTED FROM THREE-MEMBER DELEGATION LETTER FROM UUOA ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER CONTAINING APPEAL FOR HIM TO SPEAK OUT ON BEHALF OF SEVERAL UKRAINIAN DISSIDENT LEADERS PRESENTLY IN SOVIET PRISONS AND TO EXPRESS CONCERN FOR UKRAINIAN NATIONAL, RELIGIOUS AND HUMAN RIGHTS.(LIMITED OFFICIAL USE--USUN 823)
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13. PROTECTION OF SOVIET MISSION AND CITIZENS--

OVINNIKOV (SOVIET UNION) SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY AMB TROYANOVSKY TO RAISE THE QUESTION OF PROTECTION OF SOVIET MISSION AND CITIZENS, CITING CONCERN THAT RECENT ACTS OF VANDALISM MIGHT SIGNAL THE START OF A "NEW" ANTI-SOVIET "CAMPAIGN." SOVIETS ALSO SENT NOTE VERBALE TO USUN COMPLAINING ABOUT ANTI-SOVIET INCIDENTS DURING MARCH. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 814, 826)

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14. COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID--

CHAIRMAN HARRIMAN (NIGERIA) TOLD THE COMMITTEE MARCH 18 THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD BE URGED NEXT WEEK TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING "DECISIVE ACTIONS" REGARDING SOUTH AFRICA: DECLARE THE APARTHEID REGIME'S POLICIES AND ACTIONS A THREAT TO THE PEACE; INSTITUTE MANDATORY CHAPTER VII ARMS EMBARGO; AND INSTITUTE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, ESPECIALLY AS REGARDS NEW INVESTMENTS AND LOANS. "NOTHING LESS WOULD BE COMMENSURATE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PRESENT SITUATION," HE DECLARED. IN A LENGTHY STATEMENT, HE SPOKE OF THE VIRTUAL PARALYSIS OF THE SC BY THE WESTERN POWERS; NEW REPRESSIVE WARTIME POWERS INTRODUCED IN SOUTH AFRICA; SUPPLY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT BY FRANCE, FRG, ISRAEL, AND SPARE PARTS BY THE US AND UK; ITALIAN PLANES MANUFACTURED IN SOUTH AFRICA; AND INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA, INCLUDING \$11.6 MILLION BY BARCLAYS BANK, AND IMF AS PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF FINANCE. HARRIMAN CALLED FOR THE WIDEST PARTICIPATION IN THE HE "EXTREMELY IMPORTANT" SC DISCUSSION, AND SAID NIGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GARBA WOULD BE COMING AND FORMER SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER PALME WAS EXPECTED. MAKATINI WOULD REPRESENT THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH AFRICA, AND THE PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS OF AZANIA WOULD BE REPRESENTED BY ITS AC-CONFIDENTIAL

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THE COMMITTEE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING REPORTS
AND DECIDED
TO ISSUE THEM AS COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS: "SHELL AND BRITISH
PETROLEUM IN SOUTH AFRICA", AND "PARTICIPATION OF BRITISH
COMPANIES IN THE MANUFACTURE OF TEAR GAS AND EQUIPMENT
FOR MILITARY USE IN SOUTH AFRICA." SAM (GHANA), IN INTRO-
DUCING THE REPORTS, MENTIONED, INTER ALIA, WASHINGTON POST
REPORT TO THE EFFECT SOUTH AFRICA, WORKING WITH US SCIENTISTS AND
US-SUPPLIED ENRICHED URANIUM, WAS WITHIN TWO TO FOUR YEARS
OF MANUFACTURING AN ATOMIC BOMB. WHILE WELCOMING THE REPORTS
THAT 12 LARGE US CORPORATIONS WITH OPERATIONS IN SOUTH
AFRICA HAD AGREED TO SUPPORT A SET OF SIX PRINCIPLES
OSTENSIBLY AIMED AT ENDING SEGREGATION AND PROMOTING FAIR
EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES AT THEIR PLANTS AND FACILITIES
IN SOUTH AFRICA, SAM SAID IT MUST BE POINTED OUT THAT THIS
MOVE IS PERIPHERAL TO THE CENTRAL ISSUE, WHICH IS MAJORITY
RULE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE DEMAND OF THE UN AND THE LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS THAT ALL CORPORATIONS DISENGAGE FROM THE APARTHEID EC-
ONOMY.

RAPPORTEUR RAO (INDIA) REFERRED TO THE US LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE US WOULD DEFINITELY PLAY SOUTH AFRICA IN THE DAVIS CUP COMPETITION IN APRIL IN SPITE OF THE OAU DECISION, AND QUOTED A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF SPORTS IN AFRICA AS HAVING SAID ANY COMPETITION BETWEEN THE US AND SOUTH AFRICAN TEAMS WOULD DEFINITELY PROMPT A BAN ON SPORTS RELATIONS WITH THE US. RAO ALSO STATED THAT NEW ZEALAND, DESPITE EARLIER INDICATIONS IT WAS CHANGING ITS POLICY REGARDING SPORTING LINKS WITH SOUTH AFRICA, HAD BEEN REPORTED TO HAVE MADE LATER STATEMENTS PUTTING THE SITUATION IN DOUBT. CHAIRMAN HARRIMAN WAS AUTHORIZED TO SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM THE NEW ZEALAND MISSION.

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CHAIRMAN (ALGERIA) OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND INFORMATION STATED THAT DENNIS BRUTUS, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NON-RACIAL COMMITTEE, ASKED TO SPEAK BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON THE SUBJECT OF US PARTICIPATION IN THE DAVIS CUP TENNIS MATCHES, AND THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAD ENDORSED THE REQUEST. IN A CLOSED PART OF THE MEETING, THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED ITS REPRESENTATION AT VARIOUS FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AS WELL AS MISSIONS TO BE SENT TO A NUMBER OF CAPITALS.

15. NIGERIAN AMB HARRIMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING--

AMB HARRIMAN, AT PRESS BRIEFING MARCH 18, STRESSED THAT THE FORTHCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION WOULD INCLUDE SOUTHERN AFRICA IN ALL ITS ELEMENTS. HE NOTED THERE HAD BEEN A TENDENCY FOR PEOPLE IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE US TO TREAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION ONLY AS A HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE, WHICH "IT IS NOT." HE REFERRED TO THE MANY INEQUITIES TYPICAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME AND STATED SMITH'S REGIME WOULD HAVE BEEN BROUGHT DOWN LONG AGO EXCEPT FOR SAG'S SUPPORT. HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF THE REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT WOULD HAVE NO RESULT BECAUSE SOUTH AFRICA PRODUCES CHROME. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, "WE ARE VERY HAPPY THE USG HAS FULLY COMMITTED ITSELF TO THIS." POINTING OUT SOUTH AFRICA PAYS NO ATTENTION TO THE UN, HE CALLED THAT A STATE OF WAR AGAINST THE UN WHICH IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD WOULD HAVE BEEN MET BY FORCE, SUCH AS IN KOREA AND THE MIDDLE EAST SUEZ CRISIS. HE HOPED THAT NEXT WEEK THE SC WOULD BRING MAXIMUM PRESSURE AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. IF THE WESTERN MEMBERS DID NOT USE THEIR POWER TO MOVE THE SITUATION ALONG, AFRICAN COUNTRIES WOULD BECOME MORE INVOLVED, AND HE DIDN'T DISCOUNT THE POSSIBILITY OF BLACK AGAINST WHITE, "WHICH WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE."

IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, HARRIMAN DESCRIBED THE FOUR NONALIGNED

RESOLUTIONS (APARTHEID, INEQUITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA, ARMS
EMBARGO, ECONOMIC SANCTIONS). ON ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, HE
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STRESSED THAT THE RESOLUTION DOES NOT ASK GOVERNMENTS
TO PROHIBIT COMPANIES FROM TRADE AND INVESTMENT, BUT CALLS ON
ALL TO ENSURE THAT MAXIMUM PRESSURE IS BROUGHT TO ENCOURAGE
THEM TO REFRAIN FROM THIS. HE WARNED THAT IF WESTERN STATES
DO NOT USE THEIR LEVERAGE
TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, THEN AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS WILL BE FORCED
TO TAKE MORE DIRECT ACTION. HE QUESTIONED HOW BRITAIN COULD
CONSIDER A \$4 BILLION INVESTMENT IN SA MORE IMPORTANT THAN
NIGERIA, OR THE US INVEST \$5BILLION AND NOT RECOGNIZE
IT IS NOT IN ITS INTERESTS. HE NARROWED IT DOWN TO
THE WEST CHOOSING BETWEEN NIGERIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

WHEN ASKED IF THE AMERICANS GO ALONG WITH ALL FOUR RESOL-
UTIONS, HE SAID HE HAD CONSULTED "ALMOST EVERYBODY"
BUT THE WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THE US WERE SO PRE-
OCCUPIED WITH THEIR INVESTMENTS IN SA, PARTICULARLY THE UK,
THAT THEY FAIL TO ACT BECAUSE OF THE WEAKNESS OF THEIR
ECONOMIES. BUT TIME WAS COMING WHEN AFRICA WOULD STRIKE BACK.
HARRIMAN CONTENDED THAT THE NONALIGNED HAD BEEN VERY
MODERATE IN THE FOUR RESOLUTIONS, OMITTING AREAS PARTICULARLY
DIFFICULT FOR THE NEW CARTER ADMINISTRATION TO ACCEPT.
HE WOULD NOT ANTICIPATE HOW THE US MIGHT VOTE, BUT
BELIEVED US POLICIES WERE CHANGING. IT THERE WERE A
TRIPLE VETO AGAIN, "WE WILL LOSE CONFIDENCE IN THE GOODWILL
OF THE USG AND IN THE UN," HE SAID. IT WAS EITHER A MANDATORY
EMBARGO OR A SOLUTION BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IN OTHER
WAYS. HE STATED AMB YOUNG AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE
WESTERN GROUP HAD TOLD HIM THEY WERE TRYING TO COME UP WITH
A DECLARATION SO THEIR GOVERNMENTS WOULD NO LONGER SELL
ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA. IN THE PAST, HE SAID, "WE TENDED TO
BE CONDEMNATORY IN APPROACH TO RESOLUTIONS, "BUT THIS TIME
THEY ARE FRAMED IN SUCH A WAY THEY ARE EASIER FOR THE WESTERN
POWERS TO ACCEPT. "WE HAVE GREAT HOPES IN THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION...WE KNOW THAT THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE
FORWARD MOVEMENT IN ALL THESE FIELDS," HARRIMAN CONCLUDED.

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16. RELATIONS BETWEEN ANGOLA AND ZAIRE--

AT ANGOLA'S REQUEST, THE UN CIRCULATED NETO'S STATEMENT TO THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN LUANDA FEB. 24 RELATING TO ACTS OF PROVOCATION ALONG ANGOLA'S SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN BORDERS. ANGOLAN COVERING NOTE STATES THAT IT DRAWS ATTENTION TO THE UNHAPPY SITUATION WITH ZAIRE WHICH CONTINUES TO SERVE AS A BASE FOR THE PERPETRATORS OF AGGRESSIVE ACTS AGAINST ANGOLA. (USUN 831)

17. SUBCOMMITTEE FOR WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM--

THE PREPARATORY SUBCOMMITTEE PROVISIONALLY AGREED MARCH 17 THAT THE WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM SHOULD BE HELD AUG. 14-25, 1978, EITHER IN GENEVA OR NEW YORK. THE DATES WERE LEFT TENTATIVE TO ALLOW FOR READJUSTMENT SHOULD A GOVERNMENT OFFER TO HOST THE CONFERENCE. SYG REPRESENTATIVE SANON QUOTED ESTIMATES OF \$489,250 FOR HOLDING THE CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK AND \$521,100 FOR GENEVA. MARCH 18, ACTING CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE AGREED TO RECOMMEND: INCLUSION IN THE CONFERENCE DOCUMENTATION OF THE FINAL DOCUMENTS AND REPORT OF THE LAGOS WORLD CONFERENCE FOR ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID, AS WELL AS REPORTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS SEMINARS TO BE HELD IN YUGOSLAVIA AND IN MOROCCO; NOMINATION OF A CONFERENCE SYG AT A HIGH ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL; AND PARTICIPATION OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION IN THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE. DA COSTA LOBO (PORTUGAL) WAS ELECTED AS A VICE CHAIRMAN. 18. COMMITTEE OF 24 SUBCOMMITTEE ON SMALL TERRITORIES--

REPRESENTATIVES OF FIJI, BULGARIA AND AUSTRALIA MADE STATEMENTS MARCH 17 AS THE SUBCOMMITTEE BEGAN GENERAL DEBATE ON PITCAIRN AND THE SOLOMON ISLANDS. LAL (FIJI) HOPED THAT THROUGH THE CONTINUED ASSISTANCE OF THE TYPE ALREADY GIVEN BY THE UK THE 64 ISLANDERS ON PITCAIRN WOULD BE ABLE TO LEAD

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A MORE MEANINGFUL LIFE. HE COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS AND SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF FISHING AND FISH PROCESSING. NEYTCHIEV (BULGARIA), ON THE OTHER HAND, REGRETTED THERE HAD BEEN NO TANGIBLE CHANGE IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS. FORRESTER (AUSTRALIA) BELIEVED THE SOLOMONS WERE PREPARING FOR INDEPENDENCE IN A CAREFUL AND ORDERLY WAY, AND HE CONGRATULATED THE UK. HE SPOKE OF THE NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING PROJECTS COVERING MEDICAL TEAMS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, CATTLE INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS PROPOSED NEW PROJECTS FOR A TELECOMMUNICATIONS SURVEY, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR BRIDGE DESIGN AND A DEVELOPMENT STUDY OF HENDERSON AIRFIELD.

19. US CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA--

ON MARCH 18, USUN TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW YORK LIAISON OFFICE OF THE UN RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST (UNRWA) A CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,350,000, REPRESENTING AN INITIAL PARTIAL US CONTRIBUTION TO UNRWA FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1977.

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